

## LocalTalk PC Card: How to Configure It for TOPS

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### TOPIC -----

TOPS documentation claims support for the LocalTalk PC Card. I want to communicate through the card from a PC using TOPS. Although TOPS claims support for the card, their technical support group could not tell us how the card must be configured. Can you help?

### DISCUSSION -----

TOPS Technical Support told us how to configure their software for use with the LocalTalk PC Card. The most common problem encountered in this situation is that some required software is not included with the LocalTalk PC Card. AppleShare PC and the LocalTalk PC Card were originally shipped as a package. They are now separate items.

Users of the TOPS card should have an AUTOEXEC.BAT file that looks like this:

```
ALAP
PSTACK
TOPSTALK
TOPSKRNL
```

Users of the LocalTalk PC Card should have an AUTOEXEC.BAT file that looks like this:

```
LSL
LTALKP
ATALK
COMPAT
TOPSTALK
TOPSKRNL
```

Note that the first two files for the TOPS card user are replaced by the first four files shown for the LocalTalk PC Card user. The .COM files associated with the names above are included with AppleShare PC.

After starting up with the above AUTOEXEC.BAT file on disk, run TOPS menu and proceed as described in the TOPS documentation.

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## LocalTalk PC Card: How to Run TOPS on It

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### TOPIC -----

I have a problem with TOPS on my LocalTalk PC Card; I can't get it to start. I have talked with TOPS, and they told me to load Apple's driver in CONFIG.SYS.

I am using TOPS 2.1 and AppleShare PC 1.2. What driver should I load in the CONFIG.SYS file to run TOPS on my LocalTalk PC Card?

### DISCUSSION -----

We believe that the file you are talking about is the ATALK.EXE file. This program is installed when you run the AppleShare PC Installer program, and when

run, loads the LocalTalk PC Card driver into memory. We suggest that the best

way to get all of the files installed in the right order and place is to run the Installer program. It places a line in the AUTOEXEC.BAT file that loads the LocalTalk PC Card driver at startup. Complete instructions on how to install all of the AppleShare PC program are in the "AppleShare PC User's Guide" on pages 7 through 14.

If you want to modify the AUTOEXEC.BAT file to load the ATALK.EXE file, it is important to get the order in which you execute the AppleShare PC installation files correct. The order of the six basic files is:

- 1) ATALK
- 2) ASHARE
- 3) MINSES
- 4) REDIR
- 5) ANET AUTO
- 6) DA/R

Instructions for this are on pages 184 and 185 of the "AppleShare PC User's Guide."

You also might have to change the "Lastdrive" command in CONFIG.SYS. This

command specifies the maximum number of drives that DOS recognizes. The default highest drive is E. To specify a greater number of drives, give the highest drive a letter you are likely to use. For example, "LASTDRIVE = F" gives you six possible drives. This is the only change that you may need to make to the CONFIG.SYS file.

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